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CONTAMINATED SOIL USING)
MICROORGANISMS)

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Copies of the listed foreign patent and of a Supplementary European Search Report for EP 02 78 8822 are attached.

German patent DE 42 43 627 is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 form and is in a non-English language. Applicants note this document is on the Supplementary European Search Report, which is enclosed. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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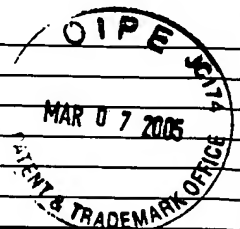
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